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The editor of the Kentuckian did not put any faith in the compromise with the wets last fall, because it was not put into any binding form and there was no occasion for a surrender when victory was assured. Now comes the Owensboro Messenger to jeer at us for way it has turned out: "The Christian county prohibitionists last year had everything ready for a local option election with admitted victory in the air, but entered into a 'gentlemen's agreement' with the keepers of a lot of country town doggeries that all liquor business in that county should cease April 1, and called the election off. Now the gentlemanly keepers of the aforesaid doggeries at Pembroke have brazenly violated the agreement and the silly prohibitionists are getting what was coming to them."

A Washington special quotes Secretary Baker as saying that President Wilson favors the complete independence of the Philippines. The Filipino people evidently do not know when they are well off. If they undertake to set up for business for themselves they will last about as long as a snowflake in boiling water. Japan is casting longing eyes at the Philippines even under our protection and the nation that is constantly encroaching on the oriental mainland and seizing islands wherever they are found would make short work of conquering the Philippines.

Surrendered German submarines now being brought to the United States by American navy crews will be exhibited at ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, the Great Lakes and Chesapeake bay and on the Mississippi and Hudson rivers. The five submarines will arrive late this month while the Victory Loan campaign is in progress.

The Kentuckian has seen no reason to alter its previously expressed opinion that the Democrats should be nominate a man for Governor who can be elected. With the Third District split into three throat-cutting factions it does not take a prophet to tell where such a man should be looked for.

Congressman Nick Longworth, Col. Roosevelt's son-in-law, says of the new Republican floor leader, Mondell, Wyoming, that he is an "orator and a parliamentarian" but "his war record is dubious to say the least." The Republicans are preparing to drive all the patriots into the Democratic party.

Official casualties are still being given out. The last one had 311 names, 4 killed in action, one died of wounds, 17 from accidents, 61 from disease, 222 were wounded and 6 missing in action. The total has reached 200,411. The total deaths are 74,465 in army and marine corps, on the other side of the ocean.

Elias Howe, born 100 years ago July 9, invented the sewing machine and his claims were laughed to scorn and he went to England to get backing in his poverty. His machine was stolen during his absence and after a long legal battle the courts gave him justice in 1854 and he died a millionaire in 1876.

Before the war monarchies and republics were about equal. Now there are twenty-nine republics and twenty-one monarchies counting Germany, Austria and Russia as one republic each. Several new republics are in course of formation.

Mrs. Vernon Castle, famous dancer and widow of Capt. Vernon Castle, who was killed in an airplane accident, denies that she is engaged to anyone. A rumor was circulated that she was about to marry Capt. R. F. Treiman.

The probable announcement of two other candidates, one a soldier and the other a shrewd politician, it is said is about to cause the retirement of Dr. H. H. Cherry as a gubernatorial candidate.

Tommy Ashbaugh, a boy only 11 years old, hanged himself to a wire tied to a raft, when his mother sent him to the barn to feed a horse at Owensboro.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENT



LIEUT. HERSCHEL A. LONG

Lieut. Herschel A. Long has acquired a proprietary interest in the Kentuckian and upon his return from abroad will be actively in charge of one department of the paper.

Mr. Long is well known, not only in this, his native city, but in other parts of the state as well. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Long and was born in this city. He graduated from the city High School in the class of 1906 in a class of 13 and a high average he attained gave him choice of scholarships offered by several colleges to high school graduates. Choosing Center University at Danville, Ky., whose classes for 50 years have included many of Kentucky's most notable men, he entered that institution in the fall of 1906 where he early distinguished himself for scholarship and became a leader in athletics. He made the highest record in athletics, which entitled him to the honor of being "King of the Carnival" given by his class on the campus, the great society event of the University.

In the spring of 1908 he won the loving cup prize for Center the second year in succession, thus securing its complete ownership.

In the spring of 1909 he won in Louisville, Ky., at a large military encampment offering medals in all forms of athletics to university boys, two gold medals and two silver medals.

In January, 1910 he graduated from Center and before securing his diploma was elected to the faculty of the new Hopkinsville High School, to teach science and English. He aided in the equipment of the laboratory and assisted Geoffrey Morgan, the first farm demonstrator of Christian county, in analyzing and similar work.

In the summer of 1912, he resigned his school work to take up journalism and became city editor of the Daily Democrat, which position he held until the paper was sold.

Later he accepted a position with the Forbes Manufacturing Company and started in to acquaint himself with the work of that big enterprise from time-keeper up to the head of the office force, which position he held until May 1, 1916.

He enlisted in the National Guard of Kentucky April 25th, 1912 and continued in service three years.

In April, 1917, as soon as war was declared, he hastened to Louisville and was the 43rd man to volunteer in the officers' training school. He went to the first training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and on Aug. 15 was commissioned second lieutenant in the quartermaster's corps, and sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville. On Oct. 23, 1917, he was sent back to Fort Benjamin Harrison as Post Quartermaster, and on March 18, 1918, was promoted to First Lieutenant.

He was ordered overseas in September and arrived in France Oct. 8, 1918, and went direct to Argonne forest front, where he served as assistant post quartermaster along a 40-mile fighting line until November 11, when hostilities ceased. Since that time as an inspecting officer he has been sent to most of the large cities of France and Germany, his last letter being from Berlin. At present he is visiting the prison camps of Germany, where Russian prisoners are still confined.

Lieut. Long has written many interesting letters and his experiences in Europe will qualify him to aid greatly in making the Kentuckian's columns interesting in the future.

The excellent picture at the head of this column will introduce him to those of our readers to whom he may be a stranger.

Gaston B. Means, the Chicago man acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, has sued the Northern Trust Company for \$1,000,000 for prosecuting him.

The Kentuckian has received many favorable comments on its first issue Saturday, and its subscription list is rapidly growing.

A proletarian, a word now often used, really means "the indigent class of people." As used by the Socialists it is intended to mean a government of and by the common people.

Uncle Sam lost \$36,633,000 on railroads in February, about the same as in January. This is at the rate of more than four hundred millions annually.

King Baggot, the movie star, has returned to the stage and will be in Evansville this week.

America's Immortals

Most striking instances of gallantry for which the Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded

On the war department's records there is a roll of "America's Immortals." It is the roll of officers and men to whom there has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in recognition of acts of unusual gallantry in action. Behind each of these awards is a story of surpassing bravery that deserves the widest publicity, but pages of newspaper space would be required to print them all. Officers attached to General Pershing's staff have selected from the hundreds of official reports a number that typify most strikingly the gallantry and spirit of self-sacrifice that made America's army invincible. Here are a few of them:

THOMAS O. NEIBOUR,

Private, Company M, 167th Infantry.

Private Neibour, whose home is at Sugar City, Idaho, was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Landres-et-St. Georges, France, October 16, 1918. On the afternoon of October 16, when the Cote de Chatellen had just been gained after bitter fighting, and the summit of that strong bulwark in the kriegshilde Stellung was being organized, Private Neibour was sent on patrol with his automatic rifle squad to enfilade enemy machine gun nests. As Private Neibour gained the ridge he set up his automatic rifle and was directly thereafter wounded in both legs by fire from a hostile machine gun on his flank. The advance wave of the enemy troops counter-attacking had about gained the ridge and although practically cut off and surrounded, the remainder of his detachment being killed or wounded, this gallant soldier kept his automatic rifle in operation to such effect that by his own efforts and by fire from the skirmish line of his company at least 100 yards in his rear, the attack was checked. The enemy wave being halted and lying prone, four of the enemy attacked Private Neibour at close quarters. These he killed. He then moved along among the enemy lying on the ground about him, in the midst of the fire from his own lines, and by his coolness and gallantry captured eleven prisoners at the point of his pistol and, although painfully wounded, brought them back to our lines. The counter-attack in full force was arrested, to a large extent, by the single efforts of this soldier, whose heroic exploits took place against the skyline in full view of his entire battalion.

EDWARD C. ALLWORTH,

Captain, 60th Infantry.

Capt. Allworth won the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in action at Clery-le-Petit, France, November 5, 1918. While his company was crossing the Meuse river and canal at a bridgehead opposite Clery-le-Petit, the bridge over the canal was destroyed by shell fire and Capt. Allworth's command became separated, part of it being on the east bank of the canal and the remainder on the west bank. Seeing his advance units making slow headway up the steep slope ahead, this officer mounted the canal bank and called for his men to follow. Plunging in he swam across the canal under fire from the enemy, followed by his men. Inspiring his men by his example of gallantry, he led them up the slope, joining the hard-pressed platoons in front. By his personal leadership he forced the enemy back for more than a kilometer, overcoming machine gun nests and capturing a hundred prisoners, whose number exceeded that of the men in his command. The exceptional courage and leadership displayed by Capt. Allworth made possible the re-establishment of a bridgehead over the canal and the successful advance of other troops. Capt. Allworth's home is at Crawford, Washington.

LOUIS CUKELA,

Lieutenant, 5th Regiment, U. S. M. C.

Lieutenant Cukela was decorated for conspicuous gallantry near Villers-Cotterets, France, July 18, 1918. When his company, advancing through a wood, met with strong resistance from an enemy strong point Lieutenant Cukela, then a sergeant, crawled out from the flank and made his way toward the German line in the face of heavy fire, disregarding the warnings of his comrades. He succeeded in getting behind the enemy position. Rushing a machine gun emplacement, he killed the crew with his bayonet. With German hand grenades he then bombed out the remaining portion of the strong point. His home is in Minneapolis, Minn.

SYDNEY G. GUMPERTZ,

First Sergeant, Company E, 132nd Infantry.

Sergt. Gumpertz was decorated for gallantry beyond the call of duty in action in the Bois de Forges, France, September 25, 1918. When the ad-

vanced line was about 50 yards from the machine gun nest, Sergt. Gumpertz left the platoon of which he was in command and started through a heavy barrage toward the machine gun nest. His two companions soon became casualties from bursting shells, but Sergt. Gumpertz continued on alone in the face of direct fire from the machine gun, jumped into the nest and silenced the gun, capturing nine of the crew. Sergt. Gumpertz's home is at 701 West 178th street, New York city.

CHARLES F. HOFFMAN,

Gunnery Sergeant, 49th Company, 5th Regiment, U. S. M. C.

Sergt. Hoffman received the Distinguished Service Cross for an act of conspicuous gallantry in action with the enemy near Chateau-Thierry, France, June 6, 1918. Immediately after the company in which Sergt. Hoffman belonged had reached its objective on Hill 142, several counter-attacks were launched against the line before the new position had been consolidated. Sergt. Hoffman was attempting to organize a position on the north slope of the hill when he saw twelve of the enemy, armed with five light machine guns, crawling toward his group. Giving the alarm, he rushed at the hostile detachment, bayoneted the two leaders, and forced the others to flee, abandoning their guns. His quick initiative and courage routed the enemy from a position from which they could have swept the hill with machine gun fire and forced the withdrawal of our forces. His home is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

THEODORE PETERSEN,

Sergeant, Med. Det. 151st Field Artillery.

Sergeant Petersen (deceased) was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action at Peronne, France, March 5, 1918. Mortally wounded during an enemy bombardment, Sergeant Petersen, though himself too weak to minister to other wounded soldiers, directed his associates in treating the wounded and refused to receive assistance himself until all the others were cared for. When gas shells began to fall in the vicinity he directed the men in adjusting their masks and was the first to test for gas. He continued to supervise the treatment of the wounded, despite the fact that he was suffering great pain, until the arrival of the surgeon, who sent him to the rear. He died on reaching the hospital. His mother, Mrs. N. J. Petersen, lives at 99 Central avenue, Oshkosh, Wis.

JAMES D. HERIOT,

Corporal, Company I, 118th Infantry.

Corp. Heriot, who lived near Providence, S. C., was decorated for conspicuous bravery, resulting in his death, at Vaux-Audigny, France, October 12, 1918.

Corp. Heriot, with four other soldiers, organized a combat group, and attacked an enemy machine gun nest which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his company. In the advance two of his men were killed, and because of heavy fire from all sides, the remaining two sought shelter. Unmindful of the hazard attached to his mission, Corp. Heriot with fixed bayonet, alone charged the machine gun, making his way through the fire for a distance of thirty yards, and forcing the enemy to surrender. During this exploit he received several wounds in the arm, and later in the same day, while charging another nest, he was killed.

DONALD M. CALL,

Second Lieutenant, Company B, Tank Corps.

Lieut. Call was decorated for conspicuous bravery in action near Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. During an operation against enemy machine gun nests west of Varennes, Lieut. Call, then corporal, was in a tank with an officer, when half of the turret was knocked off by a direct artillery hit. Choked by gas from the high-explosive shell, he left the tank and took cover in a shell hole thirty yards away. Seeing that the officer did not follow, and thinking that he might be alive, Corp. Call returned to the tank under intense machine gun and shell fire and carried the officer over a mile under machine gun and sniper fire to safety. Lieut. Call's home is at Larchmont Manor, N. Y.

CHARLES DISALVO,

Private, Company B, 354th Infantry.

Private Disalvo (deceased) was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Remonville, France, November 1, 1918. When the combat group, of which he was a member, had been halted by enemy machine guns, Private Disalvo alone charged forward. Attacking the nest, he killed one gunner and forced the rest to surrender. His act enabled the group to continue their advance. During the charge on the nest he was so seriously wounded that he died on the field. His widow lives at 3305 Arlington avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN J. KELLY,

Private 78th Company, 6th Regiment, U. S. M. C.

Private Kelly was decorated for gallantry in action at Blanc Mont Ridge, France, October 3, 1918. Private Kelly ran through our own barrage 100 yards in advance of the front line and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, killing the gunner with a grenade, shooting another member of the crew with his pistol and returned through the barrage with eight prisoners. Private Kelly's home is at 6146 Kimbark avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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